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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 February 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimer filed on 2/9/2007 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of any patent granted on application number 10/816225 and 10/825969 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Response to Amendment

Claims 21 – 38 are pending in this Office Action.

Claims 21, 23, 27, 29 and 33 have been amended.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 21, 27 and 33 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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Claims 21 – 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,732,219 issued to Thomas P. Blumer et al (hereinafter “Blumer”) in view of U.S. Patent Number 5,870,552 issued to Linda T. Dozier et al (hereinafter “Dozier”).

Regarding claim 21, Blumer discloses,

A method for updating entries in an on-line database comprising:

receiving a request from a user to update an entry in an on-line database (Figure 4 element 122, column 14 lines 55 – 57, et seq.);

verifying the authority of the user to update the entry (Figure 4 element 126, column 16 lines 21 – 25, et seq.); and

displaying a page containing an entry to be updated (Figure 4 element 130, et seq.);

wherein said user interacts with said on-line database over a public network using a standard web browser without the need for any additional user software (column 2 lines 50 – 54, column 2 line 65 – column 3 line 2, et seq.).

Blumer does not explicitly disclose updating the description of a user-defined category for the entry and storing said description of said user-defined category in said-online database.

However, Dozier discloses updating the description of a user-defined category for the entry (Figure 10b, column 15 lines 50 – 57, et seq.) and storing said description of said user-defined category in said-online database (Figure 10b, column 15 lines 50 – 57, et seq.). At the time of the present invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the data processing art

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to combine the two references because Dozier's user-defined category would have enabled Blumer's overall system to support user-defined classification/categorization of documents and content available to users in an intelligently organized fashion that facilitate uniform, content-driven search and access.

Regarding claim 22, Dozier discloses that said entry includes non-textual content (Figure 7, et seq.).

Regarding claim 23, Dozier discloses that said non-textual content comprise graphics (Figure 7, et seq.).

Regarding claim 24, Dozier discloses the act of allowing said user to index said entry in said on-line database with at least one user-defined keyword (Figure 10b, column 15 lines 50 – 57, column 16 lines 42 – 44, et seq.).

Regarding claim 25, Dozier discloses the act of allowing said user to add a URL to said entry in said on-line database (Figures 8a – 8b, et seq.).

Regarding claim 26, Dozier discloses the act of allowing said user to add a hyperlink to said entry in said on-line database (Figures 8a – 8b, column 14 line 25 – 27, et seq.).

Claims 27 – 32 are essentially the same as claims 21 – 26 except they set forth the limitations as "an apparatus" rather than "a method", therefore rejected based on the same rationale discussed in claims 21 – 26 rejections.

Claims 33 – 38 are essentially the same as claims 21 – 26 except they set forth the limitations as "a web server" rather than "a method", therefore rejected based on the same rationale discussed in claims 21 – 26 rejections.

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Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sangwoo Ahn whose telephone number is (571) 272-5626. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 10-6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain Alam can be reached on (571) 272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.



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